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Applicant Desousa, et al.  
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 DETECTION OF PEPTIDOGLYCAN SYNTHESIS (as  
 amended herein)

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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

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Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action mailed February 13, 2001. Reconsideration is respectfully requested in view of the following amendments and remarks.

PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Applicants hereby request a three-month extension of time extending the time for response from May 13, 2001 up to and including August 13, 2001. Enclosed is a check for \$890.00 to cover the required extension fee. The Assistant Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fee which may be due in connection with this Petition to Deposit Account No. 23-1703.